

## 2015 Fell Arboretum Outreach

The period of 4 May 2015 through December 2 2015 weekly tours of the Fell Arboretum were conducted with ISU student body and other visitor groups.

With the exception of a couple tours being cancelled due to poor weather, groups varied in size from 3 to as many as 30.

Local Scouting and Home Schooling groups included primarily grade school aged children.

U of I Extension groups from Woodford, McLean, Piatt, Polk, Champaign and Adams County included mostly adult visitors.

Various senior groups like the ISU Graduation Group of 1967, Local assisted living and one Church group also made visits to the Fell Arboretum.

Student groups like ISU College Mentors accompanied Bloomington IL Holton Homes for visits to the Fell Arboretum and both ISU Greenhouses.

The topics discussed during the tours ranged from basic plant physiology to pioneering, right tree right place, Arboriculture, Horticulture, Botany, Forestry and Professional Landscape Management.

Tree planting demonstration, pruning laboratory, disease scouting and identification activities were conducted with undergraduate students and some off campus visitors.

A total of 141 off campus individuals took time to visit ISU and the Fell Arboretum for the listed outreach activities.

All the listed activity was arranged and hosted by Patrick Murphy, ISU / Fell Arboretum Curator and Horticulturist for the Department of Biological Sciences during the current academic year.